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ADVISORY UPDATE – 5PM, AUGUST 23, 2013

National Mall and Memorial Parks announce Road and Site Closures for the 50th Anniversary March on Washington Realize the Dream March and Rally

Washington D.C. – On Saturday, August 24 the 50th Anniversary March on Washington Realize the Dream March & Rally will require the closure of numerous roads and monuments in Washington, D.C. Several ceremonies and services will take place at the Lincoln Memorial starting at 7:30 a.m. followed by a march that will begin to assemble around 12:30 p.m. For more information about the NPS programs visit (<http://nps.gov/nama>), for information about the rally and march, visit the organizer's website (<http://nationalactionnetwork.net>).

Public Access: The public will be able to access the Rally only from walking west into the area of the Reflecting Pool from 17th Street by the World War II Memorial.

March Route: After the rally the march will depart from Lincoln Memorial and head south on Daniel French Drive, east on Independence, north on 17th street, and will end and disperse on the Washington Monument grounds

ADA Shuttles: The National Action Network will provide free shuttles from the Foggy Bottom Metro to the event venue for participants with mobility issues. Shuttles will drop off at Henry Bacon Drive and Lincoln Memorial.

Every effort is being made to minimize traffic delays during this event. Variable message boards will be put in place to increase awareness of closures.

Participants are encouraged to take public transportation and use Metro stations in downtown Washington, D.C. Please visit the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for more information on planning transportation (<http://www.wmata.com>)

SITE CLOSURES

These NPS sites will be closed beginning 4:00 a.m. on Saturday August 24 until the end of the event expected to be around 4:00 p.m.

- Lincoln Memorial
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Korean War Veterans Memorial

TRAFFIC/ROAD CLOSURES

The following road closures will go into effect at 5:00 a.m. until the event concludes (see attached map)

- Ohio Drive from Parkway Drive to Inlet Bridge
- Rock Creek Parkway between Virginia Avenue and Parkway Drive
- Independence Avenue, SW, between 15th and 23rd Streets, including the Tidal Basin Parking Lot
- Maine Avenue between Independence Avenue and Raoul Wallenberg Place
- 17th Street between Constitution Avenue and Independence Avenue
- 23rd Street between Independence and Constitution Avenue
- West Basin Drive
- Henry Bacon Drive
- Daniel French Drive
- Lincoln Memorial Circle
- A, B and C Parking Lots
- 15th Street between Constitution and Independence Avenues will be closed during the march on August 24. We estimate this to be between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

In addition to these National Park Service Closures the D.C. Government are closing the following roads (only NPS closures are shown in the attached map):

- Westbound ramp from I395 to Maine Avenue, SW-All traffic will be diverted to the 12th ST Tunnel
- Ramp from 9th Street tunnel to westbound Maine Avenue, SW-all traffic will be diverted to outbound I 395
- 1200 block Maiden Lane merge with Maine Avenue, SW-all traffic will be diverted to northbound 14th Street, SW
- Southbound Potomac River Freeway and ramp to Independence Avenue-traffic will be diverted to the outbound Theodore Roosevelt Bridge
- Ramp from outbound E Street Expressway to Ohio Drive-all traffic will be diverted to outbound Theodore Roosevelt Bridge

GETTING THERE

Visitors are strongly advised to use public transportation. Metro stations near the National Mall and Memorial Parks, U.S. Capitol, and President's Park that will remain open throughout the day include: Smithsonian, Federal Triangle, Foggy Bottom, Metro Center, Gallery Place-Chinatown, Farragut North, Farragut West, Capitol South, L'Enfant Plaza, Union Station, Federal Center S.W., and Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Pentagon. Up-to-date information can be found at www.wmata.com

VISITOR SERVICES

- Food, water, and refreshments will be available for purchase at concession stands in the area
- Portable restrooms, including ADA accessible restrooms, will be available

VISITOR SAFETY

Visitors should prepare for heat and sun. NPS recommends that visitors:

- Bring enough food and water for the entire day (water-bottle filling stations will be available)
- Drink plenty of water even when not thirsty
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing
- Use sunscreen.
- Minimize consumption of beverages containing caffeine or alcohol
- Eat throughout the day

- Take frequent shade breaks
- Periodically get out of the heat and into air conditioning, especially between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Reduce exertion during the hottest hours
- Bring extra medication.

FIRST AID STATIONS

- First aid stations will be located on both sides of the Reflecting Pool
- Cooling tents will be located on the north side of the Reflecting Pool

FAMILY REUNIFICATION

The USPP family reunification tent will be located on the south side of the Reflecting Pool, between the D.C. War Memorial and the World War II Memorial. Lost persons should be reported to any uniformed USPP officer or NPS ranger. Lost persons will be taken to the USPP family reunification tent.

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